(b) whether it is also a fact that private traders have purchased a majority of the said paddy; and

(c) if so, the estimated quantity of paddy which arrived in the mandis of Punjab and Harayan and the share of procurement by the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) (c) During the current marketing season, 80.28 lakh tonnes of paddy had arrived in the mandis of Punjab and Haryana till 17-11-86 as against 74.17 lakh tonnes uring the corresponding period last year. Out of the 80.28 lakh tonnes, traders have purchased 57.82 lakh tonnes and the Food Corporation of India 14.09 lakh tonnes.

Liquor consumption in tribal areas

*278. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a policy to reduce liquor consumption in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, what steps and advice have been/are being given to various State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any representations against the use of Government agencies to promote liquor sales in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that the tribal development agencies are not directly or indirectly involved in promoting liquor sales to the tribals in Andhra Pra desh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines for Excise Policy to be followed in Tribal areas communicated to the State Governments contained the following namely: (i) Commercial vending of alcoholic beverages should be discontinued in the tribal areas; (ii) that Scheduled Tribes may be permitted to brew their traditional alcoholic beverages for consumption at home and on religious and social occasions and (iii) that attempts be made to wean the Scheduled Tribes away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had reported that Integrated Tribal Development Authorities had not opened any liquor shops in tribal areas.

There is also no scheme to promote liquor sales in tribal areas through government agencies.

Evolution of new methods of irrigation

*279. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new methods of irrigation to be adopted easily by the cultivators are being evolved; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. They include adoption of appropriate design specifications for different surface irrigation methods like borderstrips, water harvesting techniques in arid and semi-arid zones, optimum irrigation water application at initial crop growth stage and use of sprinkler and drip systems.

दालों की प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता

280. श्री शरद यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय प्रतिदिन प्रति व्यक्ति कितनी मात्रा में खाद्यान्न उपलब्ध हैं तथा